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63L-8-402 Grazing fees -- Feasibility study -- Contents -- Submission of report -- Annual distribution and use of range betterment funds -- Nature of distributions.

- (1) The Legislature finds that, as of 2016, a substantial amount of the rangelands on the public land is deteriorating in quality due to federal mismanagement, and that installation of additional range improvements could arrest much of the continuing deterioration and lead to substantial betterment of forage conditions with resulting benefits to wildlife, watershed protection, and livestock production.
- (2) The director, in consultation with the commissioner, shall:
 - (a) conduct a study to determine necessary range improvements on public land; and
 - (b) establish a fee, in accordance with Section 63J-1-504, to be charged for domestic livestock grazing on public land that is equitable to the:
 - (i) state and the state's citizens; and
 - (ii) holders of grazing permits and leases on rangeland.
- (3) The director shall report the result of the study described in Subsection (2)(a) to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, together with recommendations to implement a reasonable grazing fee schedule.
- (4)
 - (a) Fifty percent of all money received by the state as fees for grazing domestic livestock on public land shall be deposited into the Grazing Land Fund created in Section 63L-8-310.
 - (b) Fifty percent of money received by the state as fees for grazing domestic livestock on the public land shall be deposited into the Public Land Management Fund created in Section 63L-8-308.

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